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EARTH SHOCKS RUIN VILLAGES

The Tremor Accompanied By Tidal Wave—Landslides Bury House.

Rome, Dec. 18.—New earthquake shocks have completed the destruction of the Albanian village of Tepeleni, south-west of Avlona, according to reports from Brindisi. Twenty-two persons are known to have lost their lives. The exact details of the situation have not yet been learned, owing to interruption of communications between Avlona and the stricken village.

Serious earthquakes took place in Tepeleni district early this month, many villages being reduced to ruins. Advice states that the naval commander, his two daughters and nineteen sailors lost their lives on the island of Sasono when the latest earthquake took place. The tremor was accompanied by a tidal wave, and landslides buried the house in which the commander lived. It is said the hospital on Sasono has disappeared.

COMMITTEE TO NAME KING'S COUNSEL

Toronto, Dec. 18.—Attorney-General Raney last night announced that the appointments of king's counsel hereafter will be made on the recommendation of a committee composed of Sir William Meredith, chief justice of Ontario, Sir William Mulock, president of the high court division of the Supreme Court, and Dr. John Hoskin, treasurer of the Law Society of Upper Canada.

90,000 CANADIANS ENTER UNITED STATES But the Figures Are All Wrong Say Immigration Officials.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Figures issued at Washington by Anthony Camerini, United States Commissioner-General of Immigration, showing an influx of 90,000 people from Canada to the United States against 7,666 from the United States to Canada during the last fiscal year, do not represent the actual traffic between the two countries according to officials of the Department of Immigration here. It is stated in the department that the United States figures as to entry of immigration are misleading. They are collected only from the head-tax statistics, and many Canadians, entering the United States to work for a few months, or spend a similar time on holidays, are registered in as having paid head-tax but there is no record of their departure unless they return to the immigration office for a rebate of the sum deposited. In recent years, Canadian ports have always shown a greater movement from the United States than vice versa, the Canadian statistics being compiled from the forms of declaration which each immigrant must sign when he enters the country.

BLUE SUNDAY LAWS WERE BURLESQUED

Procession in New York of Floats Depicting Punishment for "Offences."

New York, Dec. 18.—Blue Sunday was burlesqued on Broadway and Fifth avenue in a mountainous parade sponsored by the International Sporting Club, of which many society folks are members. Horses harnessed with crepe slowly pulled five floats in which purling characters anticipated life under the proposed "blue laws." Bandmen blotted their weary way at the head of the procession, playing "Gee, this is a lonesome town," and funeral dirges.

A man with ball and chain rode the first float and an inscription asked if "we are coming to this for riding in transit on Sunday." On the next a whipping post ceremony was applied on one who "whistled on Sunday" and the third float was a husband in stocks "for kissing his wife." Two boys were put in a cage for "smoking on Sunday," and the last float showed a man at the pillory "for smoking on Sunday." Similar parades will be held daily next week, the leaders announced.

Attempt to wreck L.C.R. train at Montmagny, frustrated.

Flying Squadron To Combat Crime

New York, Dec. 18.—A "flying squadron" of fifty detectives was sent out to-day by Police Commissioner Enright to aid in combatting the crime wave which has called forth expressions of alarm from judges, city officials and numerous civic and business organizations. Detectives, equipped with high speed automobiles, were ordered to tour the city, in day and night rays, on the look out for gangsters.

THE LUXURY TAX HAS NO FRIENDS

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—"Kill it. It's got no friends," appears to be the attitude of the general purchasing public and the retailers in connection with the luxury tax imposed at the last session of parliament, and killed it very likely will be from all present indications at the capital.

PROSPERITY COMES AS EUROPE WORKS

Financier Says Opportunity Never Was So Good for Making Fortunes.

New York, Dec. 18.—Bernard M. Baruch said to-day there never was a time in the history of the world for laying foundations of fortunes such as at present by the present situation. "The world will get under full steam with free interchange between markets the moment the amount of the German reparation is fixed," he said. "By the treaty this must be before May 1st. It can be done any moment."

"The problem is to fix the amount that will release the people of Central Europe and stimulate them to go to work and pay a part of the debt they owe the world. The difficulty began with these people under false leadership quitting work to go to war. That threw the trade of the world out of balance. The moment these people are back at work industry and trade over the world will be in its way to restoration."

SMITH LEAVES CASE FOR JUDGE MILLER

Former Sailor, Sentenced to Die in Chair, is Granted a Respite.

Albany, N.Y., Dec. 18.—Governor Smith granted Jesse Walker, Evansville, Ind., former sailor, sentenced to die January 23rd, 1921, in the electric chair at Sing Sing prison for the murder of a man in the state, a respite until February 7th, 1921, in order to give Nathaniel L. Miller, the incoming governor, an opportunity to study the case.

The Indiana service star legion at its state conference in Indianapolis recently adopted a resolution asking Governor Smith to grant clemency to Walker.

Key Signal Didn't Reach Jellicoe

Von Scheer Went to Mine Fields When Jutland Message Lost.

London, Dec. 18.—What the naval experts, writing in the afternoon newspapers, describe as one of the key signals of the battle of Jutland, never reached Jellicoe, according to the Admiralty report, put out. This message was from the destroyer Faulknor at 1:55 o'clock on the morning of June 1st and it probably was lost through wireless interference.

Commander S. M. J. Rundel, of the Royal Navy, writing in the Evening Standard in explanation of the situation, says Jellicoe had turned his fleet south in order to intercept Admiral Von Scheer, the German commander, when the latter tried to return to his base at daybreak. Jellicoe had anticipated Von Scheer would attempt to cross his rear. This actually happened, and the Faulknor wirelessed the fact to Jellicoe. "Owing, however, to other wireless interruption," continued Commander Rundel, "this one essential report failed to reach its destination. Von Scheer thus reached the shelter of his mine fields."

IT IS VERY MODERN

President Buys Big House in Fashionable Neighborhood.

Washington, Dec. 18.—President Wilson has completed negotiations for the purchase of a magnificent home at No. 2340 South street, northwest, for a price said to be around \$150,000. The house was owned by Henry P. Fairbanks, and is one of the most beautiful homes in exclusive residential section. It is of colonial design and has eighteen rooms. The library is a room of rare beauty of design. The house is on a raised level, well off the street, and the grounds around it cover nearly half a block.

Confirmation of the sale was made at the office of Randall H. Hagner, who made the sale. All papers have been signed. Mrs. Wilson's youngest brother is connected with the Hagner firm.

The residence is one of the most modern in Washington and was built six years ago along original lines. It is of stone construction. On the east is the home of the late George Von L. Meyer, who was secretary of the treasury, and on the west of the house there is a large vacant lot, which, it is understood, was also bought by President Wilson.

The Dominion bureau statistics show a decrease 7,047,178 bushels in wheat, oats, barley and flax in store at public elevators for the week ending December 10th, compared with the previous week.

PREMIER'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

My fervent desire this Christmas time is that as a nation we may be guided by the light which came to earth twenty centuries ago. Let us look for present inspiration to the teachings which grew out of that tremendous event. Let us realize anew the significance of that sublime presentation of true democracy. Let there be peace on earth and good will to men. As a nation we have endured the tribulations of the past six years, bravely and sanely. We can regard the retrospect without regret and we shall look forward to the new prospect without fear.

—ARTHUR MEIGHEN.

WORKING FOR IRISH TRUCE

Intermediaries Try to Induce Republicans to Meet Military Authorities.

Dublin, Dec. 18.—A report was started to-day, and is given credence, that the military authorities in Ireland actually began negotiations last week for a conference to arrange a truce. This report says that the first overtures came from the republicans, and one meeting was held to arrange preliminaries. Then came the Cork fires, which so incensed the republicans that they broke off discussions.

Intermediaries are trying to induce them to again meet with the military authorities. Amnesty for all members of the "Irish republican army" is understood to be the principal initial condition the republicans will seek to impose.

The work of the chief intermediaries, Archbishop Clune, of West Australia, and Bishop Fogarty, of Killaloe, is proceeding with the utmost secrecy.

Ask "Impartial" Tribunal.

Cork, Dec. 18.—The city corporation has refused the request of the military authorities to permit the city engineer and other officials to attend the enquiry into last Saturday night's riots, and renewed his offer to permit testimony to be given before an "impartial tribunal."

WORN-OUT HORSES AN ECONOMIC CURSE

Million of Them Are Wandering Over the Western Ranges.

Calgary, Dec. 18.—Designating the old and crippled horses wandering the ranges in the west as an economic curse and as non-essential, Geo. Hoadley, M.P.P., brought to the attention of the members of the Western Canadian Live Stock Union at the meeting Thursday, the important question of what is to be done with these animals, which are "all mouths," and are only eating grass which is badly needed for good and valuable stock.

He declared there must be a million horses of this type in the west, and he asked the meeting to consider what it would have meant if the recent feed shortage had these horses been eliminated. In the discussion which followed, F. W. Stevens, Secretary of the Cattlemen's Protective Association, advocated that every man owning such animals should be compelled to keep them on his land during the winter at least. This would be a good practical starting point.

One member suggested feeding the carcasses of the horses to coyotes and then catch the coyotes and realize revenue from the hides. A committee was appointed to draft and bring in a resolution on the matter.

IN CANADIAN CURRENCY

Shipper So To Collect From British Importers.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Canadian ocean transportation companies have abandoned their idea of collecting payment from British importers in American dollars. This plan was being followed for some time, it appears, but when the exchange issue became such a live one complaints were received from the British importers who considered it extraordinary that Canadian steamship companies should demand payment in United States funds. The commercial intelligence branch of the Department of Trade and Commerce took the matter up, with the result that the freight for British ports from Canada now goes forward "collected" at the demand rate of exchange Montreal on London, the freight now being paid in Canadian currency.

Elected to U.F.O. Executives. Toronto, Dec. 18.—At the final meeting of the U.F.O., the following were elected to the executive: J. G. Whitmore, Woodbridge, E. J. MacDonnell, Stornoway, C. Noble, Woodbridge, C. G. Farrell, Oakville, Miss A. C. McPhail, Sharon, Mrs. Goltz, Muskoka, Mrs. W. Glen, Hensall, Mrs. J. Webster, Oakwood.

POOR RELIEF FUND

Miss Bessie Horsey	\$5.00
A. Barrie street resident	2.00
William Newlands	5.00
Previously acknowledged	75.00
Total	\$87.00

SAYS WEEDS MENACE FARMING INDUSTRY

Cora Hind Tells of Thousands of Acres of Mustard and Thistle.

Calgary, Dec. 18.—Urging that the members of the Western Stock Union press the Dominion Government for a survey of the vacant broken lands of the West with a view of their return to pasture, and declare that these lands constitute a terrible menace to the agricultural industry, Miss E. Cora Hind, of Winnipeg, addressed the meeting yesterday on the subject. The speaker said that in the course of her long travels throughout the three prairie provinces she had found there were thousands of acres of these lands knee and waist-deep in tumbling mustard and Russian thistle, and the pity of the whole situation was the fact that many of the settlers regarded the matter with complete indifference. Miss Hind was appointed to draft and bring in a resolution to the convention. She said she was terribly impressed by the weed menace, particularly in southern Alberta, and in the southwestern portions of Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

BRITISH IMPORTERS PAY CANADIAN MONEY

Shipping Firms Give Up the Idea of Collecting American Dollars.

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AVIATORS AT WORK

Dropping Propaganda Leaflets in Italian Towns.

Rome, Dec. 18.—Aviators from Fiume have been repeatedly allowed recently to fly over Italian towns dropping propaganda leaflets. They have gone so far as to use an Italian aeroplane for refuelling their fuel. One Fiume aviator flew over parliament buildings and dropped an incendiary message calling for the overthrow of the Italian-Jugoslav treaty at Rapallo, afterwards obtaining a supply of gasoline for the return journey to Fiume.

On the journey home the aviator encountered engine trouble and was forced to land in San Marino, the little republic with about 7,000 population, within the boundaries of Italy. The San Marino government, seeing that he was a military aviator, considered the landing a violation of their boundaries, confiscated the machine and interned the aviator.

Made Daily Prescription 1 Quart Instead of 6 Oz.

London, Dec. 18.—Herbert Woodrow, 55 Waterloo street, Dartmouth, was fined \$100 and costs and ordered deported from Canada, when he pleaded guilty in police court for raising the quantities called for in liquor prescriptions issued by physicians every day since Nov. 11th. The prescriptions called for six ounces, but the man made them read one quart.

Wild Ducks Are Plentiful Along Shores of Ontario

Waterloo, N.Y., Dec. 18.—Many ducks, especially whistlers, are reported in Lake Ontario and the bays along the Jefferson county shore which are not closed by ice.

The ducks are said to be decreasing and the shooting of hunters who will brave cold, ice and other unpleasant conditions, is the best of the season. Marshy and shallow places in protected corners are closed by ice but the lake and the larger bays are entirely open.

Nine Plants Make Woolen Yarn.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—The woolen yarn industry of Canada in 1919 showed an output of \$5,575,719 in material, according to figures compiled by the Department of Trade and Commerce. The capital invested in the plants, which numbered nine, amounted to \$4,561,236. A total of 286 persons were employed in the industry, as follows: Men, 250; women, 59; boys under 15, 44; girls under 15, 76.

SPIDERS SPIN WEBS FOR LIGHT WINTER

Saranac Lake, N.Y., Dec. 18.—William Demerse, local water works superintendent, says it looks like a mild winter. Because—

"I have been watching the spiders," says Will, "and they're spinning their webs just as though it was April. They're working away just as though they expected there'd be some flies around to get caught in the webs. Maybe it's the wrong dope, but it looks to me as though the spiders are expecting a mild winter, anyway."

RAILWAYMEN TOLD TO RETURN TO WORK

Military Stores and Troops Will be Transported as in Normal Times.

Dublin, Dec. 18.—Executives of the Irish Labor Party and trade union congress have advised the railwaymen and dockers to return to work, handle the military stores and transport troops as in normal times. This action was taken because of the disastrous effects threatening the country through paralysis of the railway system, if the dockers and railwaymen persisted in refusing to transport munitions or troops.

In business circles here there is a great feeling of relief at the prospect of the railways once more coming into operation on a normal basis. Since early May, when the dockers and railwaymen first began to take action, there has been a gradual paralysis of traffic. It has grown so acute as to result finally in the blockade of southwestern Ireland and cause a general crippling of traffic all over the country.

In their manifesto to the men the Labor Executive says—"We have decided to advise the railway and dockworkers to alter their position and to offer to transport everything the British military authorities are willing to risk on the trains. Whatever risks may be involved in carrying out this advice we feel confident that the railway men will be willing to face them no less than the travelling public."

CAUSE OF THE TROUBLE.

Immoral to Expose Gems For Sale These Times.

Paris, Dec. 18.—An elderly man, well dressed and distinguished appearance smashed the window of one of the most fashionable jewelry shops in Paris on the rue Sainte Honore yesterday with his heavy gold-headed cane. He made no attempt to gather in any of the gems. An angry crowd gathered in a few seconds and surrounded the man while the shop proprietor went for a gardeme.

"Stand back!" shouted the old man swinging his cane. "This is the man you should lynch," pointing to the sign on the door of the shop, bearing the proprietor's name. "It is immoral in these times of stress and misery to expose in a window such articles for sale."

"There is the cause of all the trouble," he ended, pointing to the enormous diamond, which still remained in the window. "Look at the price tag on it." They did. The tag bore the words "Price: one million francs."

Progress is Made With Court Scheme

Paris, Dec. 18.—The International Court of Justice may be established by next spring. Fifteen nations are expected to authorize their delegates here to sign the agreement to the court immediately. The delegates of Great Britain, Greece, Panama, Chili, Columbia and Cuba have already received this necessary authority. A formal request will be sent to the United States early next week that she subscribe to the court scheme.

DRINKS POISON ON STREET.

Unknown Saves Girl in Fight After Hot Argument.

Waterbury, N.Y., Dec. 18.—Following an altercation with a man whose identity had not as yet been established, a girl giving the name of Smith attempted to drink poison in Arsenal street on Thursday afternoon.

The man tried to prevent her and in the scuffle the bottle flew from her hand, crashing upon the cement walk and shattering at the entrance to the Flower building.

Some of the poison had burned her face, mouth and throat and she was taken by her companion to the office of Dr. J. L. Corrigan in the Otis building where first aid was administered. Then she disappeared while ostensibly en route to St. Joachim's hospital.

Civic Improvement In Smith's Falls

Smith's Falls, Dec. 18.—A mass meeting of citizens was held this week to discuss civic improvement. Among other subjects the following were emphasized: Canadianizing the foreign element by local efforts; public swimming baths and athletic grounds; a public health nurse to assist the M. O. H.; a union effort by eastern Ontario municipalities to secure adequate Hydro power; the purification of the water supplies, etc. It was resolved that a further mass meeting be called between nomination day and election day, at which candidates for municipal office could give their views on these and kindred subjects.

SOCIETY WAR IN WASHINGTON

Lady Geddes Retires As Patroness Because of Mrs. MacSwiney.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Lady Auckland Geddes, wife of the British Ambassador to the United States, has retired as a patroness of the Washington Opera Company because of the fact that Mrs. Peter A. Drury, treasurer of the company, has been entertaining at her home Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney, widow of the late Lord Mayor of Cork.

The retirement of Lady Geddes came rather suddenly and dramatically, it is learned, on last Monday night, just before the opening of the opera company's season here at Poli's theatre. She had previously consented at the request of several of her friends in Washington to become a patroness of the opera company, but did not know that Mrs. Drury, who is one of the leaders in the wealthy Irish set here, was the treasurer of the organization.

On Monday night, just before making preparations to attend the opera, where she was to have been a guest at a box party, Lady Geddes happened to glance at a programme of "Aida," which is being presented by the Washington opera company this week, and saw the name of Mrs. Drury among the officers of the company. She immediately made inquiries to ascertain whether it was the same Mrs. Drury who had been entertaining Mrs. MacSwiney, and on learning that it was, she lost no time in having her name withdrawn from the list of patronesses and in cancelling her engagement to attend the opening of the opera.

On learning the reasons for Lady Geddes' desire to retire as a patroness the leaders in the opera company promptly granted the request, and her name was omitted from the list of patronesses at the corporation. The retirement of Lady Geddes caused a small sensation in the higher realms of Washington society because the line had not heretofore been drawn in that circle between the adherents of the Irish cause and the strongly pro-British, many of whom move in the elite set of the national capital.

Hostesses of this set have had reason, because of the Lady Geddes incident, to revise their guest lists for forthcoming entertainments to be certain that both Mrs. Drury and Lady Geddes are not on the list.

Mrs. Drury is the wife of one of Washington's most prominent merchants, and moves in the best circles of society, and has a great many friends. It is reported that some of her friends, highly incensed by the incident, have insisted on carrying on the small war started by Lady Geddes and will be careful in the future to avoid dances and dinners at which persons known to have strong pro-British leanings are invited.

Mrs. Drury was a lavish entertainer for Mrs. MacSwiney, and for the sister of the late lord mayor, Miss Mary MacSwiney. Her home was constantly open to receive guests for the MacSwineys, and a constant stream of Irish of high and low degree filled her home during the first few days of the visit of the MacSwineys.

Watchman Struck by Rat-bat Goes to Hospital

New York, Dec. 18.—A rat-bat, said to be one of the rarest and most poisonous of animals which have ever put in an appearance in this country, flew from a pile of hides in a warehouse at Williams and Bead streets, striking a watchman in the face. The watchman, who declined to give his name, was taken to the Volunteer Hospital for observation. Doctors had examined the bat and pronounced the poison with which its veins are filled to be of a deadly nature.

BRIDES TO GO TO SCHOOL.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—A Star special from Sudbury says: "Brides under 16 years of age, resident in Ontario, will have to return to school next September, according to Fred P. Gavin, inspector of technical education of the province. This will come about when section three of the Adolescent Act comes into force, which is with the beginning of the fall term in 1921.

"Mr. Gavin says they estimate that there will be one hundred boys and girls affected."

Murder Inspector Before Fiancee

Dublin, Dec. 18.—The entire business section of Dublin was raided last night, following the murder of District Inspector O'Sullivan, of Dublin Castle. The inspector was walking in Henry street, accompanied by Miss Moore, his fiancee. Fifty yards from Nelson Pillar, two men fired point blank at O'Sullivan, who fell. Miss Moore seized the revolver of one assassin, preventing him from firing again, but the other discharged his weapon into the prone body. O'Sullivan was carried to a hospital, and was dead in an hour.